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Dear Friend:

In spite of these difficult economic times, the 2009 Session of the California State Legislature saw many important bills signed into law. Inside is a group of legislation that safeguards children, protects workers, ensures voting rights, addresses health disparities and assesses the practical employment opportunities of a green economy.

It is an honor to serve the constituents of the Assembly District. If you have any questions or comments regarding this or other legislation, please contact the district office at (510) 286-1670 or visit www.adc.asm.ca.gov/kv.



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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

AB 17 – The Human Trafficking Accountability Act

Strengthens the penalties on pimping, pandering, or procurement of a minor, while dedicating half of the funds raised through these penalties to fund grants for community-based organizations that serve underage victims of sexual exploitation and human trafficking. AB 17 increases fines on these crimes to \$20,000 per count, and abduction or procurement of a minor would be categorized as a “criminal

profiteering activity,” which could force those convicted of human trafficking to forfeit assets connected to those crimes.



PROTECTING WORKERS

AB 236 – Car Wash Worker Law

California leads the nation in both the number of car wash businesses and the number of car wash employees, with more than 1500 and 22,000 respectively. Across the state, car wash workers suffer exposure to toxic chemicals, often work 12-hour days, and work without getting paid a regular salary. AB 236 ensures that the rights of these workers are protected and that car wash owners who violate the law suffer the same fate as other unlawful business owners.

ENSURING VOTER RIGHTS

AB 1440 – Provisional Ballots for Emergency Workers

Firefighters, police officers and other emergency personnel are often called away from home and placed in dangerous situations to benefit fellow Californians. In the past, if they were called away during an election, they would be unable to cast a vote. Now, because of AB 1440, there is a process

in place that enables brave emergency responders to participate in the voting process.



ASSESSING JOB IMPACTS OF A GREEN ECONOMY

ACR 77

In order to ensure that California is prepared for the new opportunities that will emerge from a greener economy, the state must have detailed data about the job impacts of AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act. ACR 77 urges the Air Resources Board to include an analysis in their plan to implement AB 32 that specifically identifies the types of jobs that will be created and potentially lost in the state, as a result of this landmark piece of climate change legislation. This analysis would ensure the protection of workers and the sustainability of small businesses.



ADDRESSING HEALTH DISPARITIES

AJR 17 – HIV/AIDS

Minority communities in California continue to face disproportionately high rates of HIV infection despite the successes that have come with increased testing and life-preserving medications. AJR 17 urges the President to provide focused domestic leadership to reduce health disparities as they relate to HIV/AIDS and asks Congress to increase federal funding for state and local grant programs.

